tional Wastelands Development Board to control spread of arid zones and deserts.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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134. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased state;

(a) what was the target fixed for the *Jtsa.T* 1987-88 jfo respect of Indo-Soviet trade;:

(b) wnether *the target'* was achieved Oj-whether there was any shortfall; and

(c) what, steps are being taken to increase the volume of trade between India and the U.S.S.R.?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE' (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI):
(a) to (c) Trade Plans for Indian exports to and imports from USSR are. drawn up on a calender year basis. The targetted Indo-Soviet trade turnover for 1987 was Rs, 3800 crores and the actual implementation is assessed to have crossed the target by about 18 per cent. The target for 1988 has been fixed at Rs.-5000 crores. Efforts are being made from both sides to achieve the target

A series of steps have been initiated to increase the' volume of trade between the two countries. These include expansion and diversification of items included in the trade basket, setting up of a group to study the mattter of diversification of . structure of • trade and economic cooperation, participation in trade fairs, organisation of specialised exhibitions, conducting studies and market surveys for promotion of trader identification . by* DGTD of possible areas for import "of technology, conclusion of an Tnter-Gbv-ernmental Agreement to promote new forms of cooperation such as joint ventures, production cooperation, cooperation !n the services sector, improving institutional lints at the level of business orp-frisations, 335 RS-7 , ,

Narmada Sagar Project

*135. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of WATER . RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) whether the work on the Narmada Sagar Project m,, {Madhya Pradesh is going on as per schedule;

(b) whether Madhya Pradtsh Govern ment has requested the Central Govern ment for financial assistance for the pro ject; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction there to?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) According, to information received from ithe State Government, the work on the dam, formally started on 19th November, 1987, is proposed to he completed by June, 1996. '

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The projects in the irrigation sec tor are funded from State Plan resources. Central Plan Assistance is provided as block grant and loan and is not tied to any specific project However, this pro-' ject has -been posed to the World Bank for assistance.

Import of Gold

136. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEH TA Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

. 00 How much gold in terms of weight and value is imported into India every year by way of replenishment allowed against "export of gold, jewellery since the revised scheme' was announced in Aug-ust, 1985; .

(b) what are the details of the jewellery exported after the announcement of the revised scheme and the value there-

(c) whether it is a fact that the main beneficiary of the scheme is the middle-man . and not the artisan or craftsman and whether, it is due to the anomalies in the Gold Control Order; and

. (d.) if so, what steps are considered ^ ensure that the artisans or goldsmiths get the benefit out of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) *to* (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Quantity and value Of gold purchased by .the State Bank of India once August 1985, under- the Gold Jewellery Export Promotion and Replenishment ' Scheme ig shown below:

Period	Quantity in KGS	Value (in Rs. crores)
—August 1985 to March 1986	633.727	8.73
April 1986 to March 1987	1268.869	' 19.80
—April 1987 to March 1988 (Provisional) '	1791.315	3914

(b) Exports of gold jewellery under this Scheme since August 1985, are given below;

Period	" Value (Ih Rs .crores)
, ^-August 1985 to March 1986	21.27 -
.April 1986 toMarch 1987 …	37.84
—April 1987 to March 1988 (Provisional)	56.45

These figures also include exports of jewellery containing. less than 10% gold by value.

(c) and (d) It is expected Chat the benefit pf increased exports of gold jewellery under the Scheme would also percolate " down to the .goldsmiths and artisans engaged, in manufacture -of gold-jewellery. There fa-no information or reason to believe that this does not happen.

New Commission for demarcating boandary of Assam with Nagaland, Arunachal *j* Pradesh and Meghalaya

*137. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased *to state:*

(a) whether. Government propose to set up a new Commission for the de marcation :of boundary of . Assam .with Nagaland Arunachal Pradesh and Megh alaya; and

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(b) if so, what are 'tile details in this regard? . .

THE MItoSTES'OinHOMlJ AWA! (SHJRI. 9UTA . SINGH (a) and . {b). No such proposal Is under'consideration-of Government at present.